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For: Method for Simultaneous Evaluation of a Sample Containing a Cellular Target and a Soluble Analyte

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated December 18, 2003, Applicant attaches a copy of this Notice, and the signed Declaration.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the \$130 surcharge, and any other deficiency, to our Deposit Account 03-3410. Duplicate copies of this document are attached to facilitate processing of the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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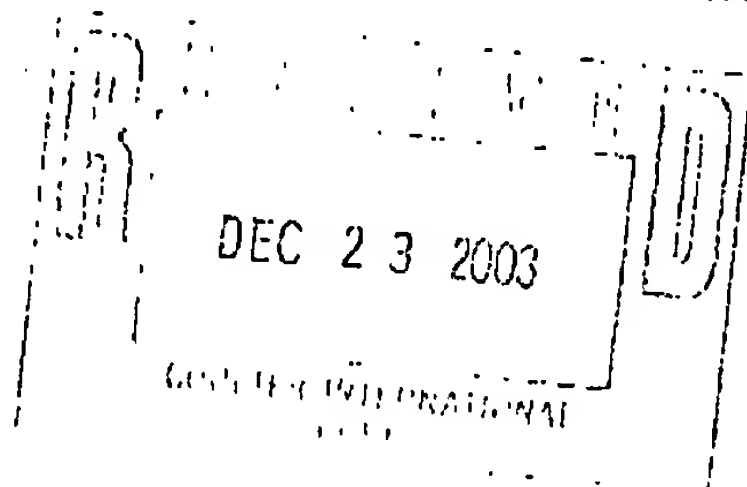
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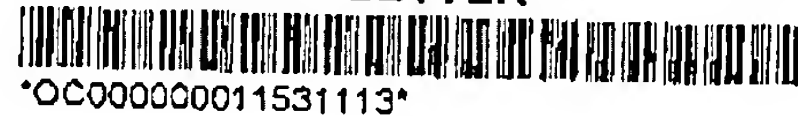
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity

- \$130 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

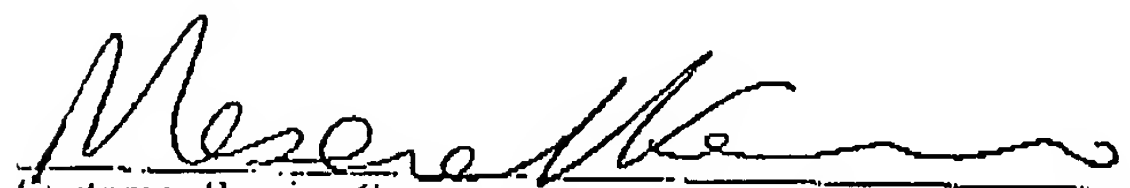
The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- A new oath or declaration, identifying this application number is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.63 in that it:
- does not identify the residence (e.g., city and either state or foreign country) of each inventor.
- does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

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